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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES
(National and State)

For President of the United States—
WOODROW WILSON
For Congressman, Third District—
CHAS. D. CARTER
For Corporation Commissioner,
(short term)—
W. D. HUMPHREY
For Corporation Commissioner,
(long term)—
CAMPBELL RUSSELL
For County Judge—
LEWIS PAULIN
For County Attorney—
CHAS. P. ABBOTT
For County Clerk—
JOHN FINNEY
For Court Clerk—
W. A. JONES
For Sheriff—
JOHN A. PHILLIPS
For County Treasurer—
CARL BEATY
For County Assessor—
WILL H. YEATS
For County Surveyor—
L. VARNER STINSON
For County Weigher—
R. A. BISHOP
For County Superintendent—
R. K. MCINTOSH
For Commissioner, District No. 1—
ED. L. SPEARIS
For Commissioner, District No. 2—
R. B. LEMON
For Commissioner, District No. 3—
J. W. JONES

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO
HELP THEMSELVES

The suggestion of a corporation whose sole purpose it would be to aid deserving young men and women to secure a Normal School training in the Southeastern State Normal School, is unquestionably prompted by a sincere desire to help those who help themselves, and displays a spirit of altruism worthy of the highest commendation. "God helps those that help themselves," someone has said—then why not man help man?

Many of the nation's foremost men have secured their training under the most unfavorable and oftentimes discouraging circumstances. Abraham Lincoln, among the greatest of them all, learned to "figure" with a piece of charcoal and a large wooden shov-el, which he carefully planned off when it had become covered with his crude hieroglyphics, and this by the poor and uncertain light of an old-fashioned fireplace. Andrew Carnegie landed in America a hapless, hopeless, penniless Scotch orphan, with nothing on earth but a determination to win. Frank A. Vanderbilt, head of America's foremost banking house, dug out his schooling while helping support a family. Jacob Schiff, multimillionaire philanthropist came to this country as an illiterate Jewish emigrant, and so on in the history of the famous we find one after another of the world's greatest figures who, unaided, have fought their way to the top of the ladder.

Ideas of education are different now from what they were 50 years ago. It has not been so many years since a graded school graduate was scarce, a high school or college student hard to find, and a vocational or special training school never heard of. In the days when no one was trained; people were on an equal footing, but today, when every girl and boy in the land has an equal opportunity for advancement, the uneducated man or woman has a slim chance, if any.

We do not mean to infer that every fellow who tries, and tries hard, gets there. They do not. We only hear of the successes. The failures sink into oblivion. There are lots of people who have failed, who with a little encouragement at the proper time would have been bolstered up until they could have found them-

selves and got to going; and a failure might oftentimes have been turned into a success.

It has come to our attention that a young man, without money and without friends, came to Durant to attend the Normal School, hoping to earn his bed and board by work, just any kind of work, so that it brought him shelter and food, and that he searched the town over proffering his services in any kind of honorable labor—any task, no matter how mean and lowly, just so he might go to school. Three days he tried, we are told, and failing to find work faded from view.

Young people this eager to improve their condition are worthy of help; there is no question about it; but where? Who is there to help? Who is willing to help? Worth unrecognized is of no avail, and merit unseen is of no return.

It is to help those who really want to help themselves that such an institution is being contemplated. If such succeeds in coming into existence, there will be attempts at imposition, it is true; but there will be applications from honest, energetic, poor young men and women, who will be aided, and no man may say what fruit his little help may bring forth.

Candidate Hughes doubtless has little sympathy for the child labor bill which has just passed the Senate. His heart has not beat along such lines of humanitarian endeavor, yet inasmuch as nearly every Republican Senator joined with the Democrats in advocacy of the bill, he will hardly have the foolhardiness openly to set himself in opposition to it. He will probably "jest lay low."

In Switzerland, five hundred and sixty-nine people out of every thousand have savings bank accounts—the highest percentage of any country in the world. In the United States the ratio is ninety-nine to the thousand—the smallest percentage in the entire world.

"Would we be too humane to use gas, poison bombs, and other horrible means of inflicting death, if we were threatened with annihilation by the Japs?" Well—the best we can say about that now, is that we don't want to cross any bridges until we come to them.

The announcement that the city will appeal from the decision of Judge Hatchett in the light plant case, does not greatly enhance Durant's chances of having her streets lighted this winter, for the fund from which this service was to have been paid for, has been tied up in the litigation, with no immediate prospect of its release.

Regardless of a short crop, Oklahoma's cotton is worth more than twice as much this year as last, according to present prices and the report of the government. One doesn't need to make as big a yield of cotton at \$100 a bale, seed and lint, as he did when prices were eight cents a pound.

The criminally negligent driving of automobiles on Durant's streets seems to be on the wane, and to the great relief of that part of the public whose personal safety has thus been infringed upon. If one through carelessness risks his own neck alone, there are few who concern themselves; but when this same thing endangers others, the public begins to get mad, and the few who have been the means of bringing this thing about seem to realize it at last.

Economists are now saying that the solution of the controversy between the railroads and the tramen is federal regulation of railroad wages and rates, which is only one step removed from Government ownership. Whether this principle is right or wrong, there is one thing certain: mates of this institution are careworn with our economic system when concerted action on the part of any 400,000 men is capable of tying up the fortunes of 100,000,000 people.

It will be well worth your time and that of your family, to forget your troubles, load up the wagon and attend the big county fair this month. Oodles of free attractions, and the best exhibits ever.

The Fair this year will be the biggest thing ever held in this county, without a doubt. Lay the work aside and bring the whole family for the entire three days, September 14th, 15th, and 16th. The recreation will be worth more than the expense.

Attention!

School Trustees

When you get ready to buy School Supplies, let us figure with you. We make rates on
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Durant, Oklahoma.

THE PRESIDENT'S CONSERVATION POLICY

The record of the Wilson administration in the conservation of our public domain and resources will meet with the cordial approval of those Americans who have seen with regret vast areas of public lands pass into the greedy hands of monopolists, billions of tons of coal, the property of all the people, transferred to a favored few and other public resources frittered away, and who recall the frauds and scandals that make these great national blessings a source of shame.

In sharp contrast with some of its predecessors stands the Wilson record. No fraud or trickery or even charge or rumor of fraud or scandal has occurred. All of the vast territory and riches of the nation have been conserved for the benefit of the nation, the needs of the future considered and provided for, and millions of acres made available for homestead entry.

The record is without a blur and of marked energy and accomplishment.

Scott Ferris, the Oklahoma Congressman who is the author of the new Homestead Law, and who, as chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands, has borne a most active part in the conservation legislation of the Wilson administration, in another place in this paper has an instructive review of the Wilson record in conservation.

As result of the threatened strike, local people fearing a food shortage raided the grocery houses, all of which did an enormous business last week, several of them finding extra delivery wagons necessary.

Some of the things which a young man of twenty-one thinks he knows all about, become subjects which he seeks to understand when he gets to be about forty.

According to figures given out by the State election board, there are just about 100,000 registered Democrats in Oklahoma as there are Republicans and Socialists combined. This looks like Oklahoma going Republican; doesn't it?

Durant's few knockers are either all gone, or have had changes of heart, or are ashamed of themselves. The worst one in town admitted to the editor that business was the best ever.

With cotton almost sure of bringing 15 to 16 cents, and prospects for a fairly good crop, the farmers ought to be in the best shape financially in several seasons.

A straw vote on the Presidency taken among a crowd of Texas Republicans reveals that twenty-four are for Wilson and three for Hughes. Significant!

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY VIOLATED BY BRITAIN

The United States government will issue a vigorous protest to England against the holding up by a British torpedo boat of the Philippine steamer, Cebu, within the territorial waters of the Philippines, as a direct infringement of American rights and neutrality. The incident occurred Monday.

THE COUNTY FAIR

As the News goes to press the Sixth Annual County Fair is just starting, with a swing and a dash, and that kind of pep that begets success; and, although just on the go the News predicts for this year's Fair a big success, educationally, morally and financially.

To begin with, the directors started right. Before telling the people of the county that certain prizes and premiums would be offered and given in cash for the best exhibits in the various departments, they procured the money necessary to make this guarantee good, even though a rainy spell hit us and the gate receipts nil.

A fair is primarily attended as an educational affair, but past failures have taught us that people us that people won't come to town and spend their money for that side of life alone, and that they want a little amusement mixed in. So the directors procured amusements—lots of amusements—everything in fact from the aeroplane flight and motorcycle races on down to the nigger minstrel show and the midway.

The experience of the world has also taught these directors that "hiding one's light under a bushel" won't let the light be seen, so they advertised the fair—advertised it big, not only here at home, but in the adjoining counties and nearest State. Advertised it by banners, window cards, pennants, circulars, printed fair catalogues and through the newspapers, and the result is seen, for already, (early on the first day) the streets are thronged with eager people waiting for the much-expect street parade to come along.

There are a number of men and women who deserve special mention for their work for the fair, but as all their names are not available at a moment's notice, mention will be deferred until another time. Suffice it to say that the thanks and commendation of the community is due them for their untiring service in behalf of this valuable county institution.

14-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIED OF HEART FAILURE

Miss Bertha Lee, a young girl, 14 years of age, died of heart failure Sunday at about 1 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, near Cox's Chapel. The members of her family were sitting in the front yard after dinner, when the little girl got up and said to her father, "I believe I am dying." Her father caught her in his arms and she was dead by the time he laid her down. Physicians stated that the cause of the death of the little girl was heart failure, but it is not known what induced the trouble. The remains were laid to rest at Cox's Chapel at 10 o'clock the next morning.

The family are strangers in the community, having moved here recently from Texas. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad hour of bereavement.

GUARANTY FUND IN JEOPARDY

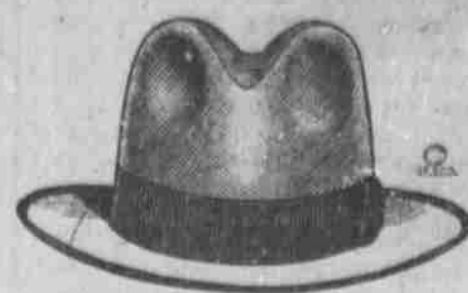
Aggressive measures on the part of the State Banking Board to rehabilitate the bank deposit guaranty fund, which is in a precarious condition, with a debt of approximately \$600,000, are being made at this time. The fall terms of court in the several counties will see more than a hundred suits against national banks that used to be State banks for recovery of the balance claimed of the 5 per cent assessment for the guaranty fund that was unpaid when the banks nationalized. The amount thus sued for is in the aggregate \$750,000. In addition to this, the Attorney General for the Banking Department is making efforts to collect some of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of bad assets of failed banks that have been taken over by the Banking Board under the law.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT CALERA

Revival services being held at the Christian church at Calera are reported to be very successful in every way. Services are held every evening and the interest being shown is unusually great. A large number of conversions is reported, and a number have already been baptized.

The county commissioners met on Wednesday in an adjourned session, and attended to numerous items of routine monthly business.

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Black Boots in Patent, Dull Kid Leathers, lace and button styles, welt and turn soles, ranging from \$3.00 to \$9.00

— SEE OUR WINDOWS —

The Model
STEIN-BLOCH SMART CLOTHES

STONE DUG COMPANY'S ONE-CENT SALE

During Three Days Two Standard Articles will be Sold for One Cent More than the Price of One of the Articles.

In collaboration with the United Drug Company, originator of the famous Rexall brand, the Stone Dug Company of this city will inaugurate for three days next week what is known as a One-Cent or Penny Sale, which has been extensively advertised and is attracting much notice.

The feature of the Penny Sale is the fact that on those dates the firm will sell two of any standard advertised article for just one copper cent more than the standard price of one of the articles. A four-column advertisement for the firm appears in this issue of the News telling of the sales plan and listing a few of the many articles to be included in the sale.

REPUBLICANS WIN IN MAINE

Maine went Republican in Monday's election by a majority of about 11,000, when Milliken was elected Governor over the Democratic nominee. Indications are that both of the houses of the legislature will be in the control of the Republicans. The Democrats had claimed the State by 5,000, and the Republicans by 15,000.

THE NEWS TAKES A HOLIDAY

The News is issued a half a day early this week, in order that its employees may have a half day vacation to take in the County Fair which has just started. The getting out early, coupled with the fact that we have four pages more than ordinarily, has kept the force pretty busy during the fore part of the week.

DANCING AT THE FAIR

Among the many attractions at the Fair, one seems to have escaped the eagle eye of the publicity agent, and is only now coming in for public attention, and that is the dancing feature. A large dancing pavilion has been erected on the grounds, and a first-class orchestra will furnish the kind of music that makes the most sedate want to dance. A charge of one dollar per couple for the evening program will be made.

BLOW AT STATE-MADE RATES

Washington, Sept. 14. — State-made rates, promulgated by the Arkansas Railroad Commission, were struck down by the Interstate Commerce Commission Saturday in much the same manner that the rates of the Texas Commission were struck down by the Shreveport case some time ago. The blow to the Arkansas Commission's rates was delivered in formal orders issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission in cases of the Memphis Freight Bureau vs. the Iron Mountain and the Shreveport and Alexandria Chambers of Commerce against the Alabama & Vicksburg Railroad.

In the first case the order fixes the class rates from Memphis via the Iron Mountain into Southern Arkansas and into Louisiana on a non-graduated from 200 to 500 miles. For the first distance, the rate, first-class, is \$1c and for Class E 20c. The 500-mile rate is \$1.32 for first-class, with 33c for Class E.

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